A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always undertaken in the IAF to enhance and upgrade flight safety. Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill levels, ability to exerice sound judgement and situational awareness of pilots are being constantly pursued. Regular interaction with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) of concerned countries are maintained to overcome the technical defects of the aircraft.

The Government has also constituted an Expert Committee on 30.12.2004, under the Chairmanship of Director General (Inspection & Safety), Air Headquarters, to identify the causes of these accidents and to formulate a comprehensive Action Plan to minimise losses.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

### Constitution of MPEDA

2936. SHRI V. HANUMATHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) last constituted with new members;

(b) the names o f public members on MPEDA;

(c) when will their tenure be over;

(d) whether it is a fact that some people without any background of fishing or marin products industry have been nominated to the MPEDA; and

(e) the steps proposed to weed out detrimental and harmful people who were placed on the MPEDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Marin Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) was last constituted on 4.6.2002. On reconstitution of new Lok Sabha, the existing two Members of Parliament were substituted by two new Members *vide* Notification dated 31.1.2005.

(b) The following are the members of the present Authority as notified vide Notification dated 4.6. 2002:

1) Chairman, MPEDA,

2) Director, MPEDA,

3) Three Members of Parliament of which two from the Lok Sabha and one from the Rajya Sabha,

4) Four Members representing various Ministries *viz.* two from Ministry of Commerce and Industry, one each from Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Food Processing Industry,

5) Twenty members from among persons representing:

   (i) The Governments of the States or Union Territories having a sea coast.

   (ii) The interests of owners of fishing vessels, processing plants or storage premises for marine products and conveyances used for the transport of marine products.

   (iii) The interests of dealers.

   (iv) The interests of persons employed in reseach institutes engaged in the marin products industry.

   (v) The interests of person employed in the marine products industry.

   (vi) Such other persons or class of persons who, in the opinion of the Central Government, ought to be represented on the Authority.

(c) The Tenure of members of the present Authority is upto 3.6.2005.

(d) The Marine Products Export Development Authority Act, 1972 provides for representation of such other persons or class of persons who, is the opinion of the Central Government, ought to be represented on the Authority.

(e) Does not arise.